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The TATLER.

By *Isaac Bickerstaff* Esq;

Pietate gravem ac Meritis si forte Virum quem
Conspexere, silent, arrectisq; Auribus astant. Virg.

From *Saturday November* 18. to *Tuesday November* 21. 1710.

From my own Apartment, November 20.

Extract of the Journal of the *Court of Honour*, 1710.

Die Lunæ vicesſimo Novembris, Horâ nonâ Antemeridianâ.

THE Court being ſat, an Oath prepared by the Cenſor was adminiſtred to the Aſſiſtants on his Right Hand, who were all ſworn upon their Honour. The Women on his Left Hand took the ſame Oath upon their Reputation. Twelve Gentlemen of the Horſe-Guards were impannelled, having unanimouſly choſen Mr. *Alexander Truncheon*, who is their Right-Hand Man in the Troop, for their Foreman in the Jury. Mr. *Truncheon* immediately drew his Sword, and holding it with the Point towards his own Body, preſented it to the Cenſor. Mr. *Bickerſtaff* received it, and after having ſurveyed the Breadth of the Blade, and Sharpneſs of the Point, with more than ordinary Attention, returned it to the Foreman in a very graceful Manner. The reſt of the Jury, upon the Delivery of the Sword to their Foreman, drew all of them together as one Man, and ſaluted the Bench with ſuch an Air, as ſignified the moſt reſigned Submiſſion to thoſe who commanded them, and the greateſt Magnanimity to execute what they ſhould command.

Mr. *Bickerſtaff*, after having received the Compliments on his Right-Hand, caſt his Eye upon the Left, where the whole Female Jury paid their Reſpects by a low Courteſie, and by laying their Hands upon their Mouths. Their Forewoman was a profeſſed *Platoniſt*, that had ſpent much of her Time in exhorting the Sex to ſet a juſt Value upon their Perſons, and to make the Men know themſelves.

There followed a profound Silence, when, at length, after ſome Recollection, the Cenſor, who continued hitherto uncovered, put on his Hat with great Dignity; and after having compoſed the Brims of it in a Manner ſuitable to the Gravity of his Character, he gave the following Charge, which was received with Silence and Attention, that being the only Applauſe which he admits of, or is ever given in his Preſence.

'The Nature of my Office, and the Solemnity 'of this Occaſion, requiring that I ſhould open 'my Firſt Seſſion with a Speech, I ſhall caſt what 'I have to ſay under Two principal Heads.

'Under the Firſt, I ſhall endeavour to ſhow the 'Neceſſity and Uſefulneſs of this new-erected 'Court; and under the Second, I ſhall give a Word 'of Advice and Inſtruction to every conſtituent 'Part of it.

'As for the Firſt, it is well obſerved by *Phædrus* 'an Heathen Poet,

Niſi utile eſt quod facimus fruſtra eſt Gloria.

'Which is the ſame, Ladies, as if I ſhould ſay, *It would be of no Reputation for me to be Preſident of a Court which is of no Benefit to the Publick.* Now the 'Advantages that may ariſe to the Weal-Publick 'from this Inſtitution will more plainly appear, if 'we conſider what it ſuffers for the Want of it. 'Are not our Streets daily filled with wild Pieces 'of Juſtice and random Penalties? Are not Crimes 'undetermined, and Reparations diſproportioned? 'How often have we ſeen the Lye puniſhed by 'Death, and the Lyar himſelf deciding his own 'Cauſe; nay, not only acting the Judge, but the 'Executioner? Have we not known a Box in the 'Ear more ſeverely accounted for than Man-'ſlaughter? In theſe Extra-Judicial Proceedings 'of Mankind, an unmannerly Jeſt is frequently as 'Capital as a premeditated Murder.

'But the moſt pernicious Circumſtance in this 'Caſe is, that the Man who ſuffers the Injury muſt 'put himſelf upon the ſame Foot of Danger with 'him that gave it, before he can have his juſt Re-'venge; ſo that the Puniſhment is altogether acci-'dental, and may fall as well upon the Innocent 'as the Guilty.

'I ſhall only mention a Caſe which happens 'frequently among the more polite Nations of 'the World, and which I the rather mention, 'becauſe both Sexes are concerned in it, and 'which therefore you Gentlemen and you Ladies 'of the Jury will the rather take Notice of; I 'mean that great and known Caſe of Cuckoldom. 'Suppoſing the Perſon who has ſuffered Inſults in 'his dearer and better Half; ſuppoſing, I ſay, this 'Perſon ſhould reſent the Injuries done to his ten-'der Wife, What is the Reparation he may expect? 'Why, to be uſed worſe than his poor Lady, run 'through the Body, and left Breathleſs upon the 'Bed of Honour. What then will you on my 'Right Hand ſay muſt the Man do that is af-'fronted? Muſt our Sides be elbowed, our Shins 'broken? Muſt the Wall, or perhaps our Mi-'ſtreſs, be taken from us? May a Man knit his 'Forehead into a Frown, toſs up his Arm, or 'piſh at what we ſay, and muſt the Villain live 'after it? Is there no Redreſs for injured Honour? 'Yes, Gentlemen, that is the Deſign of the Judi-'cature we have here eſtabliſhed.

'A Court of Conſcience, we very well know, 'was firſt inſtituted for the determining of ſeveral

'Points

Points of Property that were too little and trivial for the Cognizance of higher Courts of Juſtice. In the ſame Manner, our Court of Honour is appointed for the Examination of ſeveral Niceties and Punctilio's that do not paſs for Wrongs in the Eye of our common Laws. But notwithſtanding no Legiſlators of any Nation have taken into Conſideration theſe little Circumſtances, they are ſuch as often lead to Crimes big enough for their Inſpection, though they come before them too late for their Redreſs.

'Beſides, I appeal to you, Ladies, [*Here Mr.* Bickerſtaff *turned to his Left Hand*] if theſe are not the little Stings and Thorns in Life that make it more uneaſy than its moſt ſubſtantial Evils? Confeſs ingeniouſly, Did you never loſe a Morning's Devotion becauſe you could not offer them up from the higheſt Place of the Pew? Have you not been in Pain, even at a Ball, becauſe another has been taken out to dance before you? Do you love any of your Friends ſo much as thoſe that are below you? Or have you any Favourites that walk on your Right Hand? You have anſwered me in your Looks, I ask no more.

'I come now to the Second Part of my Diſcourſe, which obliges me to addreſs my ſelf in particular to the reſpective Members of the Court, in which I ſhall be very brief.

'As for you, Gentlemen and Ladies my Aſſiſtants and Grand Juries, I have made Choice of you on my Right Hand, becauſe I know you very jealous of your Honour; and you on my Left, becauſe I know you very much concerned for the Reputation of others; for which Reaſon I expect great Exactneſs and Impartiality in your Verdicts and Judgments.

'I muſt in the next Place addreſs my ſelf to you, Gentlemen of the Council: You all know, that I have not choſen you for your Knowledge in the litigious Parts of the Law, but becauſe you have all of you formerly fought Duels, of which I have Reaſon to think you have repented, as being now ſettled in the peaceable State of Benchers. My Advice to you is, only that in your Pleadings you are ſhort and expreſſive: To which End you are to baniſh out of your Diſcourſes all tynonomous Terms, and unneceſſary Multiplications of Verbs and Nouns. I do moreover forbid you the Uſe of the Words *alſo* and *likewiſe*; and muſt further declare, That if I catch any one among you, upon any Pretence whatſoever, uſing the Particle *or*, I ſhall inceſſantly order him to be ſtripped of his Gown, and thrown over the Bar.

This is a true Copy,

Charles Lillie.

N. B. The Sequel of the Proceedings of this Day will be publiſhed on *Tueſday* next.

Advertiſements.

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AT the GREAT WHEAT-SHEAF painted upon a Copper Plate, next the Bell-Savage Inn upon Ludgate-Hill, is ſold all Sorts of rich Foreign Silks, with Gold and Silver Brocades. Likewiſe Plain and Flower'd Velvets for Gowns and Petricoats, and Coach Linings; with all Sorts of Silk Morning-Gowns, for Blank Lottery Tickets, at as high a Price as any Perſon ſhall give for them, and the aboveſaid Goods as cheap as for Specie.

*** Juſt publiſhed, A Liſt of the Rt. Hon. the Lords Spiritual and Temporal: As alſo of the Knights and Commiſſioners of Shires, Citizens and Burgeſſes, choſen to ſerve in the Parliament of Great Britain, ſummoned to meet at Weſtminſter the 25th Day of November, 1710. Printed for J. Pemberton at the Buck and Sun againſt St. Dunſtan's Church in Fleetſtreet. Price 2 d.

*** In a few Days will be publiſh'd for the Month of October, Atlas Geographus, or a compleat Syſtem of Geography, Ancient and Modern. This Month finiſhes all Europe (except Great Britain and Ireland), with a good Frontiſpiece, large Index, Subſcribers Names, &c. ſo that then the whole may be bound up in 2 Vol. in which is about 100 new Maps, Cuts, Sanſon's Tables, &c. The next Month begins Aſia, in which will be about 50 new Maps, Cuts, and Tables, and ſhall all be contain'd in one Vol. Printed by John Nutt in the Savoy, and ſold by J. Morphew near Stationers-hall: Where may be had compleat Sets for Europe, or any odd Months. Note, Thoſe that deſire it may have the whole compleat, with the Maps coloured, and divided into Provinces, &c. at Mr. Moll's over againſt Devereux-Court without Temple-Bar, who engrav'd the modern Maps for this, and for Aſia, Africa, and America, that are to come. The Colouring is 2 s. 6 d.

THis is to give Notice, That the Mezzotinto Prints, by John Simmons, in whole Lengths, of the Four Indian Kings, that are done from the Original Pictures drawn by John Vereſt, which Her Majeſty has at Her Palace at Kenſington, are now to be delivered out to Subſcribers, and ſold at the Rainbow and Dove the Corner of Ivy-Bridge in the Strand.

MOrning-Gowns for Men and Women, of all Sorts of rich Brocaded Silks, Japann'd Sattins, and great Variety of other rich Silks, Stuffs and Callicoes, being a freſh Parcel of choice Goods, of Samuel Edwards and Richard Hockett, Mercers, are to be ſold at very low Rates, at the Golden Sugar-Loaf up one Pair of Stairs, over-againſt the Horſe at Charing-Croſs; the Price being ſet on each Gown.

TWO Hundred and Fifty Pounds to be paid on the Baptizing a Child, being a new Propoſal by the Profitable Society, which, by only paying Two Shillings and Sixpence for a Policy, and Two and Sixpence towards each Claim, entirles you to the Sum above-mentioned. There is alſo a 2d Society, where paying only One Shilling Contribution, you receive One Hundred Pounds. Propoſals at large may be had grat's at the Wheat-Sheaf over againſt Tom's Coffee-houſe in Ruſſel-ſtreet, Covent-Garden.

*** Titus Livius, cum integris Freinſhemii Supplementis emendatioribus, & ſuis Locis collatis, Tabulis Geographicis, & copioſo Indice, cum Notis Clerici. 8vo. 10 Vol. Motis Prophetæ Libri quinque ex Tranſlat. Jo. Clerici, cum ejuſdem Paraphraſi perpetua, Tab. Geograph. Folio. La Sainte Bible de la Traduction de Mr. Martin, d'une belle Impreſſion, in 12mo. To be had of the Bookſellers in the Strand.

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THis is to give Notice, That there is an extraordinary Remedy for the STONE and STRANGURY, which lately cured a Gentleman that had for 3 Days a total Suppreſſion of Urine, who in half an Hour after he had taken it made above a Gallon of Water; and it likewiſe brought away 13 Stones from one, and 9 from another, (who both live near Temple-Bar.) To be had only of Mr. Rogers at the Sun in Fleetſtreet, and of Mr. Aylmer at the Three Pigeons in Cornhil, Bookſellers, at 5 s. the Paper, with printed Directions.

ANY Perſon being minded to diſpoſe of a Houſe or Houſes in Fee, between 20 and 40 l. per Annum, well ſituated, and a reaſonable Pennyworth, may have a Chap. Enquire at Mr. Ed. Hyde's at the Crown Coffee-houſe, Margaret's-Hill Southwark.

AT the Red-Lyon in Eagle-ſtreet by Red-Lyon-Square, is a Second-Hand Chariot to be ſold a good Pennyworth.

THE Widow Radford's Sale of Plate, at 1 s. each Ticket, will be drawn on the 4th of December, at the George Tavern over-againſt Devereux-Court without Temple-Bar. All that deſign to take out Tickets are deſired to be as ſpeedy as poſſible. Tickets may be had at Mr. Bradſhaw's over-againſt Goldſmiths-Hall in Foſter-lane, at Mr. Moulton's at the Three Tuns in Long acre, and at the Widow Radford's aforeſaid, over-againſt St. Clement's-Church in the Strand, where the Goods are to be ſeen.

THE Sale of Goods for 7500 l. which was to be drawn on Wedneſday laſt, for ſome weighty Reaſons is put off until the 29th of this inſtant, and then it will certainly be drawn at Stationers-Hall. And for Satisfaction of all the Contributors, the Undertakers of the ſaid Sale have adviſed with eminent Council, who have given it under their Hands, that this Sale of Goods is not within the Act for Suppreſſing of Lotteries. The few remaining Tickets the Contributors are deſired to be expeditious in taking out, at moſt of the Places mentioned in the printed Propoſals, and at the Undertakers Houſe againſt Southampton-ſtreet in the Strand.